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Item 1
Organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2006 should be elected from the Board members of the Eastern European States group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the work plan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2005. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report contains comments received within the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a work plan for 2006 was prepared by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

The Board will also continue the discussion on improving its working methods.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan (DP/2006/L.1)

Report on the second regular session 2005 (DP/2006/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2005 (DP/2006/2)

Annual work plan for 2006 (DP/2006/CRP.1)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Multi-year funding framework

In response to Executive Board decision 2005/20, UNDP will present a timeline for the preparation of its report on the end-of-cycle assessment of performance of the MYFF, 2004-2007, as well as for the process leading to the preparation of the MYFF, 2008-2011. While the Executive Board has already agreed on the basic methodology and conceptual design for reporting on the current MYFF, UNDP continues to consider ways to refine the quality of reporting in an effort to strengthen the oversight by the Executive Board of UNDP operations. The process leading to the preparation of the MYFF, 2008-2011, will enable the Executive Board to consider the evolving role of UNDP in the United Nations reform and follow-up to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness as well as the 2005 World Summit

Outcome. The present document outlines the consultative process with the Executive Board.

Documentation:

Timeline for the preparation and discussion of the end-of-cycle assessment of performance of the MYFF, 2004-2007, and for the process leading to the preparation of the MYFF, 2008-2011 (DP/2006/3)

Item 3
Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with the Governing Council and Executive Board mandate governing UNDP assistance to Myanmar (decisions 93/21, 96/1, 98/14, 2001/15, 2003/2, 2004/2 and 2005/3), an independent annual assessment of the UNDP Human Development Initiative projects was carried out in Myanmar in July 2005. Further to the oral presentation by the Resident Representative at the second regular session in September 2005, the report of the assessment mission to Myanmar is now presented to the Board. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, the elements of which are contained in the report.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2001/11, the following regional and country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion:

The regional programme document for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, 2006-2010, and the regional programme document for the Arab States, 2006-2009;

Africa region: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, the Republic of Ghana, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Uganda, Swaziland;

Arab States region: the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;

Asia and the Pacific region: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam;

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region: Georgia, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Guyana, Peru, the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Documentation:

Report of the assessment mission to Myanmar (DP/2006/4)

Item 4
Evaluation

In response to the Executive Board recommendation that UNDP undertake an evaluation of gender mainstreaming in order to assess the progress of the organization to date and its contributions to promoting women's empowerment and gender equality, the Evaluation Office initiated an independent evaluation in 2004. The evaluation assessed the overall performance of UNDP in gender mainstreaming in the last ten years. The scope covered four specific areas: (a) UNDP commitment to and advocacy of gender mainstreaming and gender equality; (b) the translation of this commitment into UNDP programmes and projects; (c) the reflection of gender mainstreaming and gender equality in the organization itself; and (d) the nature of strategic partnerships forged to promote gender mainstreaming and gender equality.

At the annual session 2005 the Board received an oral briefing on preliminary findings of the evaluation. The present report and the management response (document DP/2006/7) are now being presented for a full discussion.

Documentation:

Evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP – Executive summary (DP/2006/5)

Item 5
Gender in UNDP

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will have before it the UNDP management response to the findings and recommendations of the independent evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP (contained in document DP/2006/5).

The Executive Board may wish to take note, review and, as appropriate, endorse the measures set out in the management response as new commitments to further promote effective gender mainstreaming in UNDP.

As requested in its decisions 2005/27, the Board will also have before it the UNDP action plan 2006-2007, which includes specific actions in the areas of commitment and accountability, capacities, communication and visibility and resources. A report on the progress achieved on the 2005 action plan will also be presented.

The Executive Board may wish to take note, review and, as appropriate, endorse the 2006-2007 action plan as well as the 2005 progress report.

Documentation:

Management response to the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP (DP/2006/7)

Progress report on the implementation of the 2005 gender action plan (DP/2006/8)

Gender action plan 2006-2007 (DP/2006/9)

Item 6
United Nations Capital Development Fund

In its decision 2005/29, the Executive Board welcomed the UNCDF Business Plan 2005-2007 and requested UNCDF to report at the first regular session of 2006 "in an appropriate manner on its budgeting and programming decision-making processes". In line with this decision, the present report provides an overview of the key steps taken under the leadership of the new Executive Secretary for UNCDF up to 30 October 2005 towards the strategic review of and implementation of the UNCDF Business Plan.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Report on UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes (DP/2006/10)

Item 7
United Nations Development Fund for Women

At the invitation of ECOSOC, in its resolution 2004/54, the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA has before it the *Organizational Assessment: UNIFEM Past, Present and Future*, commissioned by the Consultative Committee. This report assesses the position of the Fund in the United Nations system against its expanded mandate on behalf of gender equality and women's empowerment. In requesting it, the Consultative Committee sought advice on how the Fund could be best positioned to carry out this mandate in the context of United Nations reform. It accepted the recommendations of the Assessment, and looks forward to guidance from the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA with regard to implementation of its short-term recommendations

Documentation:

Organizational assessment: UNIFEM Past, Present and Future (report of the Advisory Panel to the UNIFEM Consultative Committee) (A/60/62-E/2005/10)

Item 8
United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board will have before it the progress report of the Executive Director reviewing the 2005 preliminary business performance of UNOPS and outlining business revenue and expenditure projections for 2006-2007. The report

will also provide an update on the progress in the implementation of Executive Board decision 2005/36.

Documentation:

Progress report of the Executive Director (DP/2006/11)

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 9
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Pursuant to Executive Board decisions 97/2 and 97/3, the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 are submitted at the current session.

The reports provide further information on follow-up measures to the recommendations contained in the reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium that ended 31 December 2003 (for UNDP, A/59/5/Add.1; for UNFPA, A/59/5/Add.7; and for UNOPS, A/59/5/Add.10).

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003.

Documentation:

UNDP: Follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 (DP/2006/13)

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2002-2003: Status of implementation of recommendations (DP/FPA/2006/1)

UNOPS: Follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 (DP/2006/14)

Item 10
Report to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board will have before it the first joint UNDP/UNFPA report to the Economic and Social Council. The joint report covers progress towards implementing resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The report includes a joint UNDP/UNFPA section that addresses the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General and the provisions of the Triennial

Comprehensive Policy Review, followed by two sections which address the specific activities of each organization, including funding for operational activities.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, with its comments, to the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation:

Joint UNDP/UNFPA report to the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/5)

Item 11
Programming process

In its decision 2005/30, the Executive Board requested UNDP and UNFPA, in consultation with relevant agencies, to make a proposal on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data to their respective Boards, as part of their programming and reporting cycles. In response, UNDP and UNFPA will present a conference room paper outlining a proposal to make such information available. The document will discuss technical and methodological challenges, as well as possible criteria for providing programme-level information as part of the agencies' reporting schedules.

Documentation:

UNDP/UNFPA report on proposals on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data (DP/2006/CRP.2-DP/FPA/2006/CRP.1)

UNFPA segment

Item 12
Country programmes and related matters

As requested by the Executive Board in decision 2001/11, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda

Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia and Viet Nam

Arab States and Europe: Albania, Georgia, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Turkey and Ukraine

Latin America and the Caribbean: Peru

Item 13
Other matters

Post-conflict peacebuilding: The Role of UNDP/UNFPA in Africa (Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (20 and 23 January 2006)

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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2006
(20 to 27 January 2006, New York)

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Friday, 20 January	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS – Election of the Bureau of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
	10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		**JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP** Theme: Capacity-building and capacity development Chaired by the President of the UNICEF Executive Board
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		**JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)** Theme: Transition from relief to development, focusing on natural disasters Chaired by the President of the WFP Executive Board
Monday, 23 January	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		**JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)** Theme: HIV/AIDS: Follow-up to the recommendations of the Global Task Team Chaired by the President of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		**JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)** Theme: Simplification and harmonization, with a special focus on the programming process Chaired by the President of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
Tuesday, 24 January	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS – Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session – Adoption of the report on the second regular session 2005 – Adoption of the annual work plan 2006 of the Executive Board **UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	MULTI-YEAR FUNDING FRAMEWORK – Timeline for the preparation and discussion of the end-of-cycle assessment of performance of the MYFF, 2004-2007, and for the process leading to the preparation of the MYFF, 2008-2011
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	4	EVALUATION – Evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP
		5	GENDER IN UNDP – Management response to the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP – Progress report on the implementation of the 2005 gender action plan – Gender action plan 2006-2007
		7	UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN – *Organizational assessment: UNIFEM Past, Present and Future* (report of the Advisory Panel to the UNIFEM Consultative Committee)
Wednesday, 25 January	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	8	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES – Progress report of the Executive Director
		6	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – Report on UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		*Informal consultations*
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		Post-conflict peace-building: Role of UNDP and UNFPA in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo
Thursday, 26 January	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		12	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS – Approval of country programme documents
	3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS - Working methods of the Board
	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT**
		3	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS – Approval of country programme documents – Report of the assessment mission to Myanmar
	5:00 to 6:00 pm		*Informal consultations*
Friday, 27 January	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		**JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT**
		9	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS – Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2002-2003
		10	REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL – UNDP/UNFPA report to the Economic and Social Council
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		**JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		11	PROGRAMMING PROCESS - UNDP/UNFPA report on proposals on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data
		13	OTHER MATTERS – Pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS